ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention describes methods of use for an organic nitrate compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the organic nitrate compound comprises at least one sulfur atom and/or at least one disulfide group. The invention also provides methods for treating, preventing and/or reducing inflammation, pain, and fever; for decreasing or reversing the gastrointestinal, renal and other toxicities resulting from the use of nonsteroidal antiinflammatory compounds; for treating and/or preventing gastrointestinal disorders; for treating inflammatory disease states and disorders; for treating and/or preventing ophthalmic diseases or disorders; for treating and/or improving the gastrointestinal properties of COX-2 inhibitors; for facilitating wound healing; for treating and/or preventing other disorders resulting from elevated levels of cyclooxygenase-2; for decreasing the recurrence of ulcers; for improving gastroprotective properties, anti-Helicobacter pylori properties or antacid properties of proton pump inhibitors; for treating *Helicobacter pylori* and viral infections; for improving gastroprotective properties of H₂ receptor antagonists; for treating and/or preventing inflammations and microbial infections, multiple sclerosis, and viral infections; for treating or preventing restenosis, autoimmune diseases, pathological conditions resulting from abnormal cell proliferation, polycystic kidney disease, inflammatory diseases or to inhibit wound contraction; for treating or preventing sexual dysfunctions in males and females, for enhancing sexual responses in males and females; for treating or preventing benign prostatic hyperplasia, hypertension, congestive heart failure, variant (Printzmetal) angina, glaucoma, neurodegenerative disorders, vasospastic diseases, cognitive disorders, urge incontinence, and overactive bladder; for reversing the state of anesthesia; for treating or preventing diseases induced by the increased metabolism of cyclic guanosine 3',5'-monophosphate (cGMP); for treating respiratory disorders and for treating neurological conditions.

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